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I am opposed to the proposed judgement because it does not require Microsoft to provide sufficient documentation in a timely manner to allow competing middleware providers to be successful. Microsoft would be required to publish the APIs, but

not until the associated Microsoft product is in beta testing. That means any competing solution would always lag in the marketplace and be at a disadvantage.

And the judgement specifically disallows the use of such published information for the use of developing competing operating systems; that restriction only serves to hinder competing products and to enhance Microsoft's monopoly.

I am also opposed to the proposed judgement because it allows Microsoft to use licensing terms to prevent OEMs from providing competing operating systems or applications in addition to Microsoft products from doing so. That forces OEMs to choose between offering Microsoft products OR competing products. No OEM can afford to drop the dominant Microsoft products, so they effectively are prevented from offering competing products.

Therefore, the proposed judgement is flawed and does not serve the public interest.

Respectfully,

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